



Oak Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful Easter Break and that your child (children) are full of energy for a very busy and exciting term which includes: National Curriculum Tests, Summer Revels and of course the fantastic Isle of Wight residential. Our topic over the first half term will be Ancient Greeks. In the second half term, we will be learning about Brazil, including its human and physical features.

START OF THE DAY



The gates open at 8:40am, when we they will be either reading, taking Accelerated Reader quizzes or completing spelling activities. These are all vital parts of the curriculum, so it is important that the children are in at this time to receive the full benefit. Registration will take place at 8:50am, so please ensure that your child is in class by this time at the latest.

P.E. AND GAMES



It is very important that the children have their PE kit in school throughout the week, so that they can fully participate in these lessons. Please make sure your child has suitable trainers for outside games. **Please ensure that all of your child's kit is named. Earrings should be removed for PE and Games; a named envelope that the earrings can be put in avoids earrings being lost.** If this is not possible, then they should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. Oak Class we will be outside on Mondays (Tennis) and inside on Thursdays (Country Dancing and Maypole).

READING



Reading is the foundation of a child's education and therefore it is essential that they read every day. This develops their comprehension skills, vocabulary knowledge and broadens their understanding of the World – even beyond. It also is the springboard for their own writing. Many children are reading regularly and this is reflected in their Reading Records, and the number of quizzes that they are completing. However, there are still some children who are not reading as often as they could be. Therefore, please encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes per day and to summarise their reading in the Reading Records. As a whole class, we will be completing *Some Place More Than Others* by Renee Watson; moving onto *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans, which will work alongside our Ancient Greek topic work.

NEW READING INITIATIVE

I am pleased to announce that we will be starting 'our reading leaves' this term. Miss Cove has created a 'Reading Tree' in the corridor, upon which we will be hanging the children's leaves and celebrating reading. A 'leaf' will be presented to two children from each class during the Celebration assembly, recognising a reading achievement. At the end of each term, one ticket from each class will be drawn, and the recipients of the winning tickets will be taken to a bookshop with Mrs Sharrock to choose a book. This will replace the 100% award through the AR scheme, but the word count award will stay in place.

HOMEWORK



It was lovely to see the children being so enthusiastic about their WWII topic homework last term: there were many high-quality pieces of work completed and handed in, much of which was shared in our Class Assembly. This term their homework will be based on Ancient Greece and the hand-in dates for all work will be detailed on the grid, which will be stuck into the front of their homework book. There will also be a copy available on the website. Children will continue to get a new set of spellings every two weeks.

SPELLINGS and GRAMMAR

They should continue to follow the spelling timetable, completing an activity each day – developing their understanding of how the spelling pattern works, as well as different ways to learn the words. They will be assessed on the spelling pattern or groups of words in a fortnightly dictation.

MATHS HOMEWORK AND TIMES TABLES PRACTICE



The children will continue to receive maths homework based on what we have been working in the week, as well as revision in preparation for the National Curriculum Tests in May. Regular practice of their times tables is always beneficial, but for those children who still find the rapid recall of these facts difficult, it is very important that they practise daily. We would recommend TTRockStars (TTRS) and Hit the Button to support their tables' learning (there are links on the website).

SUMMER REVELS

The children have been working hard in learning the country dance routine during their PE lessons last term. The beginning of this term will see them focusing on the maypole dance. We are very excited about sharing these two dances with you at the Summer Revels, which will be held on Saturday 8th June. The PTA has been working extremely hard in organising this event, which is definitely one of the highlights in the school's calendar. See you all there.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES



As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a healthy packed lunch. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.

WATER BOTTLES



During the summer months, it is strongly recommended that all children have access to a water bottle, and have a sunhat for break/lunchtimes. Sun-cream should be applied before they come into school. It is important that your child is kept hydrated throughout the day, so should have a **named** plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class; **these should NOT be used for squash or fruit juice please.**

SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be offering a range of clubs for the Summer term. You should have received correspondence about these.

AND FINALLY...

I continue to look forward to working with your child this term. This is a challenging but exciting term and it is therefore quite 'normal' for the Year 6 children to be extra sensitive or for worries to seem exacerbated. However, if you need to speak to me about your child at any point during the term, please contact the office or speak to me directly after school.

With kind regards

Mrs Tanya Stoner